

## Fort George G. Meade Installation Commander Colonel John W. Ives



**Colonel John W. Ives** began his distinguished Army career as an enlisted soldier from 1972-1979. The Army commissioned him as a military intelligence officer in 1981 after completing his undergraduate studies in the Business School at the University of Texas, El Paso. COL Ives also holds graduate degrees in the fields of Organizational Management from the University of Phoenix in 1994 and Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College in 2002.

COL Ives led two platoons in the 125<sup>th</sup> Military Intelligence Battalion (CEWI), followed by two years as the S2 Intelligence Officer with the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 19<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division. Assigned to the National Photographic Interpretation Center, COL Ives directed a Joint Agency Task Team specializing in the North Korean affairs. COL Ives commanded a company within the 201<sup>st</sup> Military Intelligence Battalion (Signal Intelligence), subsequently serving as the S3 Operations Officer during Operation Desert Storm. Upon completion of his combat tour, COL Ives managed sensitive advanced technology programs for the Office of Secretary of Defense. His follow on assignment placed him as the Intelligence Advisor to the Director of Operations J3, Joint Chiefs of Staff. COL Ives then commanded the 532<sup>nd</sup> Military Intelligence Battalion (Operations) in the Republic of Korea from 1997 to 1999 prior to assignment as Director, Imagery Assessments Directorate (IAD) with the National Ground Intelligence Center (NGIC).

Among his awards and decorations, COL Ives earned the Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal (3<sup>rd</sup> Oak Leaf Cluster), Meritorious Service, (3<sup>rd</sup> Oak Leaf Cluster), Joint Staff Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (3<sup>rd</sup> Oak Leaf Cluster), National Defense Service Medal (2<sup>nd</sup> Oak Leaf Cluster), Southwest Asia Service Medal (2<sup>nd</sup> Oak Leaf Cluster), Saudi Arabian-Kuwait Liberation Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal, Master Parachutist Badge and Ranger Tab.

COL Ives completed the United States Army War College, Armed Forces Staff College, Air Command and Staff College, Combined Armed Services Staff School, and the Military Intelligence Officer Basic and Advanced Courses. He is also Ranger, Airborne and Jungle Expert qualified. In June 2002, he assumed command of the U.S. Army Garrison at Fort George G. Meade, Md.